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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for electronically registering assets, the method comprising:  
~~providing an electronic registration database;~~  
providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity that purchases or owns assets wherein the electronic data file is in the possession of the entity;  
extracting the data specific to an entity from the electronic data file and entering it into a the registration database;  
entering data specific to an asset into the registration database; and  
associating the data specific to the entity and the data specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the entity.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein registration is performed during the purchase of the asset.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic data file is provided on a media that is loaded onto a purchasing entity's or owner entity's computer.

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4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data specific to an entity is extracted by an application on a second computer through a computer network, such as the Internet.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic file is installed on a media accessible to a third party's computer.
6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the third party is a credit card company.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data file is an electronic file installed on a smart credit card.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data file includes data for insuring an asset.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein an insurer has access to the electronic registration database and automatically insures an asset when it is registered.
10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration database provides a composite record of assets registered by specific entities and allows for the reporting and manipulation of the same.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the entities maintain control over personal, and or entity registration data.

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12. (currently amended) A system for providing automatic registration of assets for entities that purchase or own assets, the system comprising: machine-readable media having thereon a data file comprising data specific to an entity that owns or purchases assets; whereby data is extracted from the data file for use in automatic registration of assets and wherein the machine-readable media is in the possession of the entity.

means for providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity;

means for extracting the data specific to the entity from the electronic data file and entering it into a registration database;

means for entering data specific to an asset purchased or owned by the entity into the registration database; and

means for associating the data specific to the entity and the data specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the entity.

13. (currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein the electronic data file machine-readable media is loaded onto an asset purchasing or owner entity's computer.

14. (currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein the electronic data file is accessible to by a third party's computer.

15. (original) The invention of claim 14, wherein the third party is a credit card company.

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16. (currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein the means for providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity; ~~machine-readable media~~ is a smart credit card.

17. (currently amended) The invention of claim 12, wherein the electronic data file ~~machine-readable media~~ has thereon a data file that further comprises insurance data specific to the entity that purchases or owns assets for the purpose of automatically insuring assets when they are registered.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said asset specific data is not manually provided by the entity and the entering of said data does not depend on the entity directly providing said asset specific data.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said asset data is obtained at the time of purchase of the asset.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said data specific to an entity is extracted at the time of purchase of the asset.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said data file is located on the entity's computer and at least a subset of said data specific to the entity is entered into the electronic data file by the entity.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the entity is able to directly modify the entity specific data.

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24. (previously presented) A method for electronically registering assets, the method comprising:

providing an electronic registration database;

providing an electronic data file comprising data specific to an entity that purchases or owns assets;

extracting the data specific to an entity from the electronic data file;

entering data specific to an asset into the registration database wherein said asset specific data is not manually provided by the entity and the entering of said data does not depend on the entity directly providing said asset specific data; and

associating data specific to the entity and data specific to the asset, thereby registering the asset for the entity.

25. (new) A method for automatically registering assets for entities that purchase assets, the method comprising:

electronically extracting data specific to an entity from an electronic data file in possession of the entity;

electronically extracting data specific to an asset purchased by the entity;

associating and storing in a registration database the entity specific data and the asset specific data thereby registering the asset for the entity.